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Dear Sir:

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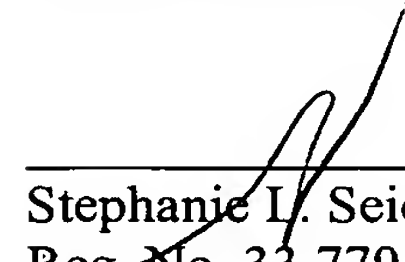
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and cited references for filing in connection with the above-identified application.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN
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Since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-captioned application, no filing fee is due. If it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-1213.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and copies of the cited documents are provided herewith.

The cited documents, listed on Form PTO-1449 and supplied herewith, are in the English language with the exception of items B, C and D, which are in the French language. Items B (WO 01/44809), C (WO 01/86291) and D (WO 02/16606) are provided with certified English language translations (items I, J and K, respectively). Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

Applicant makes known to the Examiner the following International patent that is commonly owned:

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and information and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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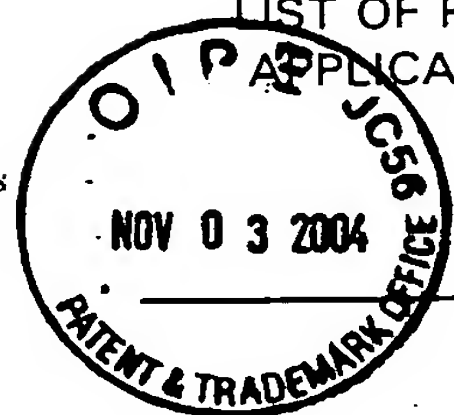
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

I	Certified English Translation of PCT Patent Application No. WO 01/44809, "Methods for Screening or Assessing the Performance of a Collection of Biological Agents in Living Target Cells, and their Applications."
J	Certified English Translation of PCT Patent Application No. WO 01/86291, "Method for Determining the Titer of Biological Agents in Living Target Cells."
K	Certified English Translation of PCT Patent Application No. WO 02/16606, "Method for Massive Directed Mutagenesis."
L	Xiao <i>et al.</i> , "Construction and Screening of a Multi-Point Site-Specific Mutant Library of Subtilisin E with a Set of Oligonucleotides", <u>40(4)</u> :337-344 (1997)

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